

**SENATE—Thursday, December 14, 2000***(Legislative day of Friday, September 22, 2000)*

The Senate met at 10 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

**PRAYER**

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Dear Father, this morning we praise You for four great Americans who have distinguished themselves in the Presidential and Vice Presidential elections: George W. Bush, AL GORE, Dick Cheney, and JOE LIEBERMAN. We admire their fervent desire to serve our Nation and their tireless efforts to make their visions known. Now, after all the protracted debate and prolonged legal battles, we ask You to heal our land. Unite us in a renewed commitment to patriotism more than party spirit, to dedication more than divisiveness, to reconciliation more than recrimination. Motivated by love for You and America, we pledge our support and loyalty to George W. Bush and Dick Cheney as they prepare to assume executive leadership of our Government. Bless them with inspired vision and impelling courage. In equal measure, uplift and encourage AL GORE and JOE LIEBERMAN as they continue to glorify You in their lives and leadership. Replenish and renew them in body and soul. Throughout the Nation, may people neither gloat over victory nor grimace over defeat but move on with hope. Silence divisive, disruptive voices that would ignite and inflame disunity. Help the Senators to be healing agents as they exemplify for the American people civility, graciousness, and oneness. And why not, Lord? This is our own, our beloved land. You are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Honorable JIM BUNNING, a Senator from the State of Kentucky, led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

**RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER**

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BUNNING). The acting majority leader is recognized.

**SCHEDULE**

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, the Senate

will be in a period of morning business for a short time today.

The Senate was expected to consider the final appropriations bill during today's session. However, because of changes in the House schedule, the Senate will not begin consideration of the final package until tomorrow morning pending its receipt from the House. It is hoped that the House can complete action shortly after noon tomorrow. Senators will be updated on the vote time throughout the day today.

I think that probably covers the concerns of my colleagues, and I thank my colleagues for their attention.

**RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

**MORNING BUSINESS**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 12 noon with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each and with the time to be equally divided in the usual form.

The Senator from Idaho.

**VICE PRESIDENT AL GORE AND PRESIDENT-ELECT GEORGE W. BUSH SPEECHES**

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I think I speak for all Senators on my side of the aisle and probably for all Members of the Senate when I say that last night we watched with great attention the speeches given by Vice President AL GORE and the now President-elect George W. Bush.

I think as Americans we were all honored by their statements last evening: A clear statement of vision and reconciliation on the part of the Vice President and, I have to imagine, the most difficult speech that gentleman has ever delivered in his life; at the same time, a speech from President-elect George W. Bush which I think demonstrated the full weight of understanding he has about his role as the President of our country—that he is President for all of the people. And that burden humbles him a great deal. We all look forward to working with him in the coming months and years as we continue to work in behalf of our country.

Certainly the prayer delivered by our Chaplain this morning clearly speaks to the concerns we have had and the wounds that must be bound and, of course, the actions that will be taken in behalf of leading this country.

I think all of us look forward to the opportunity of working with President George Bush in the coming days.

**CONGRESSMAN JULIAN C. DIXON**

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, the House is not in session because of the funeral of Congressman Julian Dixon.

Many here in the Senate did not know the Congressman, but I did. I had the great opportunity to serve with him in the most difficult of circumstances. We served on the Ethics Committee together during the period in which Jim Wright was examined for what was believed to be, and what was later found to be, unethical activities for which he finally resigned.

Julian Dixon was a fine American. Oh, yes, he was a partisan. But when it came to the responsibility of leadership, there was no question that his chairmanship of the Ethics Committee during that time was fair, equitable, and responsible. I must tell you that in working with him during those long hours and difficult times, I grew to respect him a great deal. I must say that we have lost a great public servant in the death of Congressman Julian Dixon. I will miss him. I think all of us will.

**JULIAN DIXON**

Mr. REID. Mr. President, before coming to the Senate, I was a member of the California congressional delegation. Even though I am from the State of Nevada, they allowed me to be part of their deliberations and, in fact, when I came here, I was secretary-treasurer of the California congressional delegation. As a result of that association, I got to know Julian Dixon very well. He was a fine man. He came to Nevada for me on a number of occasions. He was an outspoken advocate of doing good things for the District of Columbia. The District of Columbia lost a very powerful voice when Julian Dixon's heart stopped beating.

He also, as I indicated in my conversation with the Presiding Officer today, served very valiantly as a member of the Ethics Committee in the House of Representatives. In fact, the Presiding Officer served as a Member with him. In short, Julian Dixon, who